



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, October 11, 2012**

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Chair Clyde Fuller called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Fuller, Vice Chair William Howatt, Commissioners Lee Biddle, Deborah Cochran, Faye Detsky-Weil, John O’Neill, and Bud Wetzler

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Program Manager Steve Ross, Investigator Lauri Davis, and Administrative Aide Jennifer Duarte

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes

Approval of Ethics Commission Minutes of September 13, 2012

Motion:	Approved
Moved/Seconded:	O’Neill/Detsky-Weil
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Abstained:	Cochran

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

None

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

None

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Presentation by Clerk regarding Proposed Amendments to Lobbying Laws

City Clerk Elizabeth Maland explained that the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance was amended in 2008 to provide for the electronic filing of registration forms and disclosure reports as soon as it was practical and financially feasible. Ms. Maland reported that her office offered voluntary electronic filing at the beginning of the year, and recently made electronic filing mandatory. As a result, she would like to eliminate the duplicative paper filing requirement. She assured the Commission that the transition would not interfere with the Commission's ability to enforce late or incomplete lobbyist filings because her office will be able to determine with certainty what documents were electronically filed and when.

Elections Analyst Denise Jenkins presented a chronology related to the development of the online filing system as reflected in a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Maland asked the Commission to support the elimination of paper filing, and to include this proposed amendment with the other recommended changes to the campaign and lobbying laws that will be heard by the City Council on October 22, 2012.

Motion:	Support Changes Proposed by City Clerk
Moved/Seconded:	Howatt/Biddle
Vote:	Carried Unanimously

Item 9: Adjourn to Closed Session.

Commission Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m. He stated the Commission would reconvene into open session following the conclusion of closed session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Chair Fuller called the meeting back into open session at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of October 11, 2012

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of October 11, 2012:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (23 potential matters)

Case No. 2012-02, 2012-31, 2012-33, 2012-35 through 2012-40, 2012-42 through 2012-44 - In Re: Alleged Failure of Registered Lobbying Firms and Organization Lobbyists to Disclose Campaign Contributions and Fundraising Activities

No reportable action

Case Nos. 2012-18, 2012-20, 2012-23, and 2012-24 - In Re: Alleged Failure to Include Proper Identification Disclosure on Mass Campaign Literature

Motion: Approve Stipulations
Moved/Seconded: O'Neill/Wetzler
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Case No. 2012-27 - In Re: Alleged Failure to Timely Obtain Contributor Information and to Properly File Campaign Statements

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Biddle/O'Neill
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Recused: Detsky-Weil

Case No. 2012-30, 2012-32, 2012-34, and 2012-41 - In Re: Alleged Failure of Registered Lobbying Firms and Organization Lobbyist to Disclose Campaign Contributions and Fundraising Activities

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Biddle/Cochran
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Recused: O'Neill

Case No. 2012-50 - In Re: Alleged Failure to Timely File Campaign Statements

Motion: Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded: Howatt/O'Neill
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Case No. 2012-51 - In Re: Alleged Solicitation of Campaign Contributions from Organizations

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Biddle/Detsky-Weil
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

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William Howatt, Commission Vice Chair
Ethics Commission

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Jennifer Duarte, Administrative Aide
Ethics Commission

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